GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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RESETTLEMENT OF EX SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ex-servicemen in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes being implemented for the welfare and rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen;

(c) the number of Ex-servicemen benefited from the said schemes, State-wise;

(d) the expenditure incurred on the said schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(e) whether there is any proposal to increase the fund for the rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) As per the data compiled by Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB), there are 20,54,230 ex-servicemen and 4,58,134 widows, as on 31.12.2007, registered with Zila Sainik Board/Rajya Sainik Board. State wise details are given in the statement attached as Appendix `A`.

(b) The Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare runs following self-employment schemes through Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR):

(i) Ex-servicemen (ESM) Coal Transportation Scheme.

(ii) Tipper Attachment scheme for Widows & Disabled ESM.

(iii) Allotment of Oil Product Agencies under 8% Defence Quota.

(iv) Allotment of GHAR Outlets.

(v) Allotment of Class V 'B' Army Surplus Vehicles to ESM/Widows.

(vi) Allotment of Mother Dairy Milk and Fruit &Vegetable Booths.

(vii) Management of CNG Stations in National Capital Region (NCR).

(viii) KIDZEE Education Centres − A franchisee scheme for Ex-Servicemen and Dependants to run schools for kids.

Apart from these self-employment schemes, retiring Officers and PBORs are imparted training through DGR, to prepare them for gainful employment after retirement.

Welfare Schemes:
Grants for Marriage, Medical care, House Repair, Education, Funeral etc. are provided on need basis to ex-servicemen. Besides, 4000 scholarships, under the Prime Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme, @ Rs. 1250 PM for boys and Rs.1500 PM for girls, are provided to wards/widows of ex-servicemen. Financial assistance from Raksha Mantri Discretionary Fund (RMDF) @ Rs. 16000/- for daughters marriage and Rs. 20,000/- for house repair is provided. Financial assistance for serious diseases upto Rs.1,25,000/- is provided to the needy Ex-servicemen. Also Rs.75,000/- per year is provided for dialyses and for treatment of cancer. Besides the following grants from various funds are also provided.

Army Central Welfare Fund:

S.No. Description Amount entitled
(a) Discharged soldiers(BC) of all operation after 15th August One time grant of Rs.1 lakh

1947 excluding OP VIJAY "invalided/boarded out/prematurely released from service in low medical category.

(b) Disabled soldiers (BC) retained in service based on percentage of disability w.e.f. 1st May 1999:-

(i) Below 50% Rs. 10,000

(ii) 50% to 74% Rs. 20,000

(iii) 75% & above Rs. 30,000

Assistance from Army Welfare Corpus:

Sr.No	Description	Amount entitled
(a)	Agro based venture	Rs. 25,000/-
(b)	Mobility Equipment	Rs. 40,000/-
(c)	Daughter marriage	Rs. 20,000/-

For Operation Vijay Veterans the following assistance from National Defence Fund (NDF) is provided.

Sr.No.	Description	Amount entitled
(a)	Ex Gratia (invalided/boarded out)	
(i)	Upto 50% disability	Rs. 3 lacs
(ii)	More than 50% upto 75% disability	Rs. 4.50 lacs
(iii)	more than 75% disability	Rs. 6 lacs
(b)	Dwelling Unit	Rs. 5 lacs
(c)	Children Education Allowance to two children	Rs. 2 lacs @ Rs. 1 lac per child max

Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) was launched in 2003 as a welfare measure and currently 6,33,596 ex-servicemen and 14,59,269 dependents are availing of the facility.

(c) The total number of Ex-servicemen provided employment in Central Govt. State Govt and PSUs through Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) and Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) during the year ending 31.12.2007 was 6191. Besides, 44405 Ex-servicemen were provided employment in Non Government Sectors. State-wise list is not maintained for all the schemes. However State-wise placement of Ex-servicemen during the last three years through the Rajya Sainik Board (RSB) is at Appendix 'B'.

(d) The expenditure incurred on the welfare and training schemes during the last three years are as under:
(figures in Rs. lakhs)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Welfare	93.47	197	336.17
Training	240.17	786.76	1226.95

The State-wise details of last three years of welfare grants are at Appendix 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'.

ECHS funds are not allotted state-wise. However, the expenditure incurred during the last three years is as follows:

S/N	Budget (crs)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
(a)	Rev	181.78	320.80	489.91
(b)	Capital	16.81	20.22	8.10
Total		198.59	341.02	498.01

(e) & (f): It is proposed to increase the Budget for training of ex-servicemen from Rs. 13.50 crores to Rs. 17.00 crores in this financial year and for welfare activities from Rs. 24.00 crores to Rs. 41.50 crores.